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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Judges are getting very fastidious. No shirtwaists in the Circuit Court, and two hours for a Jap with his hat on in the District Court for contempt. We would prefer the shirtwaist to Judge Gear's wilted collar.

The "squatters" on private fishing grounds should bear in mind that the existing rights of the "konohiki" do not expire during the next year and a half. We call special attention to a notice from Mr. S. M. Damon which appears in this issue. The lessee of his fishing rights at Moanalua should be protected and trespassers prosecuted.

If the confiscated Belgian hares are to be disposed of, we think Jailor Henry would do a charitable act by adding a nice stew of the meat, cooked in portwine to the menu of the prisoners. When some years ago we spent a few days in inspecting the Jail, we considered the bill of fare too monotonous. We had our omelettes, and chicken croquettes, and we had no kick against our turtle soup, or lobster a la Newburgh. But we wished a really good rabbit pie when our burgundy was poured out, and we fear the present prisoners have the same tired feeling in the lack of variations in the menu. Put every hare and the importer in a pot, Mr. Jailor.

It was a noble moment indeed, when, in the Circuit Court yesterday Judge Gear "roasted" the High Sheriff for not prosecuting people who live in open adultery. The High Sheriff looked hard at the Judge and muttered "very touching," and the Judge said that if the High Sheriff would not stop and prevent people from doing naughty acts, contrary to moral ethics and to the laws, he, the Judge, would do it himself. And now we expect a moral crusade will be instigated at once and the town purified. The High Sheriff is perfectly willing to head the crusade but he hardly has men enough to cover the grounds from Kalihi to Kaimuki, and besides he might be obliged to start the ball a rolling among the crusaders.

We think it is a great mistake that no provisions have been made for a short hand writer for the District Court of Honolulu. The notes of the clerk are not records, and be-

sides the clerk is supposed to act as Hawaiian interpreter. The notes taken by the Magistrate are his personal property made for his own information and the attorneys calling for "the exact words witness used" will have to bring their own stenographers along and not depend upon the docket informally kept by the indefatigable clerk of the Court.

We believed at one time that it would be the best for the Territory to have an extra session of the Legislature called for the purpose of providing funds for the Treasury. Our opinion was backed by some of the leading financiers here but upon second thought we find it better to go on as best we can until the next legislature meets. There are sufficient funds to allow the authorities to plod along and pay for absolute necessities. In an extra session the Solons might show themselves again exactly as the monkey did when he climbed the tree.

The excellent work of the Fire Department during the late serious fires cannot be sufficiently appreciated. The men have had a hard task before them and they have responded nobly. The same is the case with the Water Works Department which has worked hand in hand with the Fire Department under the energetic supervision of Mr. Andrew Brown. The town may well be proud of those two branches of the government.

The public seem unwilling to assist the Postal authorities in their endeavor to establish a free delivery system, and Louis Kenake who is working day and night to get a satisfactory service cannot understand why many people don't want letters left at their homes. Wait till you get married, dear Postmaster and you will understand why husband's and wives and daughters and nieces prefer the delivery window. You savee?

Labor Day.

The Committee of Arrangements of the Labor Day celebration to be held on September 2d has issued the following announcement to the mechanics and laborers of the Territory of Hawaii:

"Gentlemen: The Government of the United States has set aside the first Monday in September as Labor Day. The mechanics and laboring men of Honolulu have combined to observe the day, and extend you a cordial invitation to participate in the parade. All branches of trade will be represented in this parade and the committee would like a delegation from each plantation to take part. Every effort has been made by the Labor Committee to make the day a grand success. The business men of Honolulu will be represented by a number of floats, and if the workmen on any plantation wish to put a flotilla in the parade we will be pleased to give it a place.

"The parade will form at the drill shed at 9 a. m. and will march through the principal streets of Honolulu, being reviewed at the Capitol grounds."

Too Many Chaplains.

Commenting on his action in moving for a reduction of the preposterous number of the king's chaplains in the late committee on the civil list, Henry Labouchere says in Truth: "I did so not solely in the interests of economy, but also because it appeared to me that to assume that thirty-six chaplains were necessary to the king's spiritual welfare was the reverse of flattering to his majesty, for it implies that he is, spiritually, in a very parlous plight. The committee would not listen to any proposal for reduction; but the king himself has now taken my view of the matter, and reduced his thirty-six chaplains to twelve. In this he shows, if I may respectfully say so, that sound common sense which has marked all his domestic reforms since he came to the throne."

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TENDERS FOR SCHOOL HOUSES

Sealed tenders for the construction of a three room school house at Hanapepe, Kauai, to be completed on or before Oct. 31, 1901, and a one-room school house at each of the following places:

Waialua, Molokai; Ulaino, District of Hana, Maui; Paailo, Hamakua, Hawaii; to be completed on or before Saturday, Oct. 18, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Instruction until noon of Monday, Sept. 9, 1901.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Department and with the School Agents of the Districts where the buildings are to be erected.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

ALATAU T. ATKINSON,
Supt. Public Instruction.
Honolulu, Aug. 21, 1901. 83-3t

SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE.

In pursuance of an Execution issued out of the Second District Court of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on the 29th day of July, A. D. 1901, in re matter of Ghering & Butzke vs. M. I. Silva and P. Correa, I have, on this 1st day of August, A. D. 1901, levied upon, and shall expose for sale at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, at the Police Station, Kalakaua Hale, in Honolulu aforesaid, at 12 o'clock noon of TUESDAY, the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1901, all the right, title and interest of said defendant, M. I. Silva, in and to the following described personal property, unless the balance of the judgment amounting to Two Hundred and Six Dollars, interest, costs and my expenses are previously paid. Said Property levied upon being:

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